Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* The Hon'ble Minister stated that there was no profit practically to Mr. Bhaskara Menon who sold this ground-nut cake to the Plywood Factory. Since there was a large quantity of ground-nut cake available in the Tatas at least the transport charges must have been saved. That should be the presumption. Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleassed to enquire whether this is true?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* The whole question has been enquired into. In that particular case the sale was effected from the Mukundapuram Taluk Depot. The party took delivery from the Mukundapuram Taluk Depot and he was not given the transport charges to the Chalakkudi Panchayat Depot.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Even then the transport charges from Ernakulam to Irinjalakkuda is avoided.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* That question was not really looked into.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know who this Bhaskara Menon is?

Mr. President: Order, order. I think we are getting rather away from the question.

CHOONDAL AND ERANELLUR VILLAGES—BATHING GHATS

92. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state whether there are public bathing tanks in Chundal and Eranellur villages in which elephants used to be washed?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* There are public bathing tanks in Choondal and Eranellur villages, in which elephants might also have been washed; but it is not usual to allow the elephants to bathe in these tanks.

CHATTUKULAM—ARTHAT VILLAGE

93. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to place on the Table the originals of the tenders submitted for the improvements of Chattukulam in Arthat Village, Talappalli Taluk for works done in the years 1118 and 1119?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* The two tenders in original are placed on the Council Table. No work was done in 1118.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the Hon'ble Minister has noted that there is a sort of tampering done on the tender presented by E. A. Antony? On the tender 75 was originally written. Then 75 has been scored and 60 has been re-written.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I have not noted it.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be.....

Mr. President: If the Hon'ble Member reads that out, all Hon'ble Members must take it for granted that he is reading it correctly.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether both the tenders were presented on the same date. To me it seems that it is not presented on the same date.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I may be allowed just to read the report of the Departmental Head. "The work was duly notified for tenders and Mr. C. K. Thavu put in a tender agreeing to take up the work at 60 per cent above the estimated rate. But the tenderer is the one involved in the Kavadi Case and who has been absolved from taking contract. Hence his tender cannot be accepted. One Mr. E. A. Antony has agreed to take up the work at 60 per cent above the estimated rate (the same rate tendered by the other contractor). I request that the work may be entrusted to him at 60 per cent above the estimated rate."

This is the report on which it was sanctioned.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether a person who has been convicted in the Kavadi Case cannot take a contract from the Government.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* There is a Government order about that.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* When any person has been convicted and an appeal is pending in the High Court, without the confirmation of the High Court of the conviction can the Government disqualify that person?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I want notice for all these things. The Departmental Head has quoted this Government proceedings.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether there has been any complaint against this Antony for dealing cement in the black-market?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Absolutely none.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the police has investigated any case in that connection?

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